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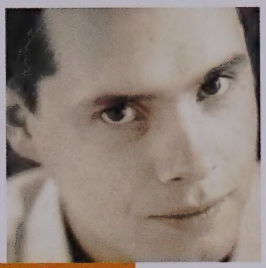

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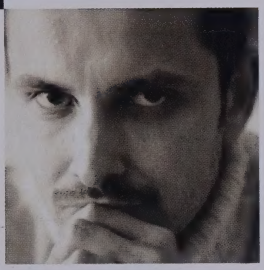

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Audience Instruction Regarding Decorum for Civil Dialogue and Question-and-Answer Time

The mark of healthy community dialogue is the decorum with which it's conducted by all parties involved. Our freewill gathering as citizens this evening is grounded in mutual respect. Therefore, we compel not only our panel, but you as an audience member, to comply with the spirit of this event through your gracious attitude and consistent display of respect for those around you.

Here are the ground rules:

- Those wishing to ask a question shall write their question on the notecard provided and then approach the aisle microphone to ask the question in person.
- The questioner is to ask a **specific** question as pre-written on their card and **must** address it to a specific person or panel.
- The person or panel to whom the question is directed will be given two minutes to reply.
- A member of the opposing panel will be allowed a 30-second response, and the moderator will then move to the next question.
- No lecturing, grandstanding or personal promotion is allowed. This will be managed at the discretion of the moderator.
- If an individual fails to formulate a question, the moderator will respectfully call for a specific question and/or move on to the next questioner.

Any person insisting on noncompliance with these rules or the required decorum of the evening will be politely asked to leave.

Thank you for allowing us to communicate these ground rules. We do not anticipate any problems this evening—it's simply important that participants understand the format and expectations as we move forward in civil, respectful dialogue.

Community Discussion on Homosexuality
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Welcome ..... Pastor Kelly Williams

Biblical View of Sexuality

Panel A ..... Rev. Benjamin Broadbent

Panel B ..... Glenn Stanton

Personal Perspective

Panel A ..... Ginger Morgan

Panel B ..... Melissa Fryrear

Summary

Panel A ..... Ryan Acker

Panel B ..... Joe Dallas

Question-and-Answer Time ..... All

Concluding Remarks From Each Panel

Closing ..... Pastor Kelly Williams

Please join us in the lobby for refreshments and more conversation following tonight's discussion.

Biographies

Panel A

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent has served as the associate minister to children, youth and families at the First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) of Colorado Springs for the last six years. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard University Divinity School.

Ginger Morgan serves as one of the chaplains at Colorado College. She is pursuing a Ph.D. through Iliff School of Theology and Denver University in pastoral theology. She also served as a chaplain in the Penrose St. Francis Health Care system prior to assuming her current position at Colorado College. Ginger began identifying herself as a lesbian during college, though her questioning process began years before that. She is now a member of the Colorado Springs Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Ryan Acker is the newly appointed advocacy advisor at Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center and has acted as the Center's director and spokesperson for the past three years. Ryan has an extensive background in social services and sociology and has worked with the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community throughout his professional career.

Panel B

Glenn T. Stanton is the senior analyst for marriage and sexuality and the director of social research and cultural affairs at Focus on the Family. He has just completed the book *Marriage on Trial,* which addresses reasons why same-sex marriage and parenting are not good ideas. Glenn also serves as a consultant to the Bush Administration on increasing paternal involvement in the Head Start program.

Melissa Fryrear As the gender issues analyst for Focus on the Family, Melissa is actively involved in public speaking, writing and educating the church and society on homosexuality—which includes sharing her story with national and international audiences. Melissa also serves as the church affiliate representative for Exodus International and holds a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary.

Joe Dallas is a counselor, public speaker and author of three books including the recently released *When Homosexuality Hits Home*. Joe served for three years as president of Exodus International and has represented the Christian position on human sexuality through numerous secular and religious media appearances.